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Honorable Kenneth M. Karas  
United States District Court Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, NY 10601

By ECF and Email/PDF

**Re: United States v. Chellel, et al., 21 Cr. 441 (KMK)**  
**Letter Motion to Be Excused**

Dear Judge Karas:

I am appointed to represent defendant Antoine Koen in the above matter. I write to the Court to be excused from appearing at the next pretrial conference in this case scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2022 at 11:00 am. I will be in California at that time for a family event.

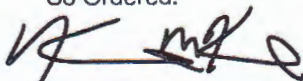
Stephen Lewis, Esq., who represents co-defendant Robert Ojeda, has kindly offered to stand in for me at the conference. I have discussed this matter with my client who consents to foregoing.

Thank you, Your Honor, for your consideration of this application.

Granted.


Save travels.

So Ordered.

  
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Very truly yours,

Tanner & Ortega, L.L.P.

  
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cc: All Parties (By ECF)